"The hammock (kíza) is the principal article of furniture in every Siriono hut. Hammocks are made by the women from string twined from bark fibers of the ambaibo tree and are very durable, [12] lasting several years with the roughest treatment. In making a hammock a woman first digs two holes in the ground with her digging stick, as far apart as the length of the hammock is to be. Two posts about 5 or 6 feet long are then planted in the holes. The woman ties one end of her ball of string, previously twined, to the bottom of the post on her right, passes the string around the post to her left and back on the far side around the post on her right, and so on, continuing these winds, which are about one-fourth of an inch apart, up the poles until she calculates that the desired width of the hammock has been reached. The resulting warp strings form two series of parallel lines, one at the front and the other at the back of the posts.

The weft strings are made of the same material as the warp strings, but are finer twined than the latter. They are applied from bottom to top. The weaver places a weft string around the bottom warp string at the front of the posts and midway between them. She holds the warp string with her left hand and pulls both ends of the weft string tightly with the other hand to form two weft strands of equal length. She then takes the under strand in her left hand, crosses it over the upper strand which is held in her right hand, and then transfers each strand to the opposite hand, after which she pulls the twist tightly around the warp string. She then takes the first back warp string, pulls it over until

it rests on the twist formed around the first front warp string, and gives the weft strands a second twist. She continues alternately to gather up the warp strings from front to back until all of them are held in place by a weft string, the ends of which are finally tied into a square knot at the top of the hammock. Usually about a dozen weft strings, placed about 6 inches apart, suffice for a hammock. After they have been applied, ambaibo bark fiber is bound around the hammock about 4 inches from each end, and it is then ready for hanging.

Hammocks vary in size, but one shared by husband and wife will be about 6 feet in length and about 4 feet in width. It usually takes a woman a full day to make a hammock, once the string has been prepared. Hammocks are almost always carried along on expeditions or hunting trips, but in case a person gets caught overnight in the forest without his hammock, a rude one is sometimes fashioned of liana in the manner described above."

1: Holmberg--18-19 (1941-42) 1950 Siriono
116, 352

"The house is but sparsely furnished. The hammock is the principal article of furniture. Hammocks are suspended across the width of the house with bark-fiber ropes tied to the frame poles and columns. Household articles such as calabashes and baskets are suspended with bark-fiber string from the midribs of the palm leaves that [19] form the walls and roof. Pots are left on the dirt floor."

1: Holmberg--49 [2] (1941-42) 1950 Siriono
116, 352, 562, 595

"Family life centers not in a separate dwelling but around the hammocks of the husband and wife, which are hung in the communal dwelling of the band. Each monogamous family generally occupies two hammocks; one is for the man and the other for his wife and children. In polygynous families the wives occupy separate hammocks, which are placed with reference to the hammock of the husband according to their status in the family hierarchy. The first wife usually occupies the position to the right of the husband; the second, to the left; the third, at his head; the fourth, at his feet. Between these hammocks lie the family hearths or fires upon which the cooking is done. Since the distance between the hammocks is seldom greater than 3 feet, a nuclear family, if monogamous, rarely occupies a space greater than 8 feet square. Within this hang the calabashes of water, the baskets of food, and all other family possessions."

4: Ryden--49 (1939) 1941 Siriono
116, 352, 513, 283

"The only "fixture" attached to the Siriono hut consists of the hammock. This is made of cords spun from the bast of a tree, known to the Sirion as imbei, its Spanish names being bibosi, ambaibo or palo santo."

5:: Radwan--294 T-3 (1928?) 1928 Siriono
116, 286, 352, 415

The household utensils of the Sirionos are of the simplest sort. They consist of some black pots, hammocks, carrying baskets, woven pieces, and pipes. The hammocks of knotted ropes, serve as beds. Often, for lack of space, they are hung above one another. In some pictures, one can clearly recognize the weaving stick and the different types of carrying baskets.